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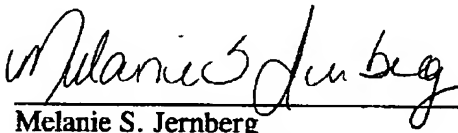
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Upon reviewing the file to pay the issue fee, Applicants noted that the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 15, 2003 had not been initialed by the Examiner and returned to Applicants. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement is attached. Applicants request the Examiner to initial the form and return it to Applicants. If the form has already been initialed, Applicants request the Examiner to forward a copy for Applicants' record.

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UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the filing date of the above-referenced application but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

As the Office has waived the requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication, copies of the listed U.S. patent and U.S. patent application publication documents are not included with the submission of attached Form PTO 1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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